

**MEASURE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**BALLOT TITLE**

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**AMENDS CONSTITUTION: AUTHORIZES IMPEACHMENT OF STATEWIDE ELECTED OFFICIALS BY OREGON LEGISLATURE WITH TWO-THIRDS VOTE BY EACH HOUSE; ESTABLISHES PROCESS.**

**Result of “Yes” Vote:** “Yes” vote authorizes and establishes a process for the Oregon Legislature to impeach statewide elected officials; House initiates impeachment with two-thirds vote; Senate tries and convicts with two-thirds vote; Chief Justice of Oregon Supreme Court oversees impeachment trial.

**Result of “No” Vote:** “No” vote retains current law that does not authorize the Oregon Legislature to impeach and remove statewide elected officials.

**Summary:** Amends the Oregon Constitution to grant the Oregon House of Representatives the power to impeach statewide elected officials in the executive branch, and to grant the Oregon Senate the power to try an impeachment received from the House. Currently, the statewide elected officials of the executive branch are the Governor, the Secretary of State, the State Treasurer, the Attorney General and the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries. At present, the only way to remove these officials is through recall election. The measure permits the House to impeach for malfeasance, corrupt conduct in office, willful neglect of constitutional duty or other felony or high crime. Requires “yes” vote of at least two-thirds (40) of Representatives to send impeachment resolution to Senate. Requires Senate to conduct impeachment trial and requires “yes” vote of at least two-thirds (20) of Senators to convict. The Chief Justice of the Oregon Supreme Court would preside over an impeachment trial. A convicted official is removed from office and disqualified from other public office.

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